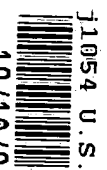


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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For (title): HIGHLY ABSORBENT PRODUCTS AND PROCESS OF MAKING SUCH PRODUCTS



Enclosed are:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

1. **Papers Required For Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b):**
20 Pages of Specification
1 Pages of Abstract
9 Pages of claims
0 Sheets of Drawing

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In addition to the above papers, there is also attached:

2. **Declaration or Oath**
☒ Enclosed
☒ Original executed by
☒ inventors
3. **Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 (Modified)**
☒ Enclosed with seven (7) References AA-AG

4. **Inventorship Statement**
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

the same

OR

☒ not the same. Jeno Muthiah and Gerald K. White are inventors for Claims 1-49; and Jeno Muthiah, Gerald K. White, and Duane R. Rubash are inventors for Claims 50-80.

5. **Language**
☒ English

6. **Assignment**
☒ An assignment of the invention to Synergistic Ventures, Inc.
☒ is attached

7. **A Fee Calculation — Small Entity Status Claimed**

Claims as Filed					
	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate-Small Entity	Basic Fee-Small Entity
					\$ 370.00
Total Claims	80	- 20 =	60	X \$9.00	\$ 540.00
Independent Claims	13	- 3 =	10	X \$42.00	\$ 420.00
Multiple Dependent claim(s), if any			0	+ \$135.00	0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 1,330.00

8. **Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

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